

Home Affairs, the Belfast Corporation and University. The lecture was very informative, and Major Blackmore had a most attentive audience during his address, which dealt with the menace of incendiary bombs, high-explosive bombs, and various gases, and the measures to be adopted in dealing with air attacks. At the conclusion he gave an outline of the organization of medical services which is being established for the protection of the civilian population.

The visit of Major Blackmore was utilised also for an address to University students in the Great Hall and to nurses in the King Edward VII Memorial Hall of the Royal Victoria Hospital on the next day.

In view of the many activities in connection with the organization of the 105th Annual Meeting of the Association, it has been decided not to hold the usual Clinical meeting on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Branch in May.

F. M. B. ALLEN, *Hon. Secretary.*

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## REVIEWS

**EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY.** By George H. Bell, M.B., B.Sc. John Smith & Son (Glasgow), Ltd., 1937. pp. 70. Price 4s. 6d. net.

This book gives detailed instructions for the carrying out of a series of experiments in practical physiology for medical students. It consists of thirty-two hours laboratory work. Of this time, fourteen hours are spent in frog experiments and the remaining eighteen hours in practical work in human physiology, the whole comprising a well-balanced course. The work in the latter half of the course has been designed to give the student some insight into clinical methods as well as to illustrate his lecture course in physiology, and this aspect of the work is to be highly commended.

Clear descriptions are given of apparatus used, which is not elaborate. A captious critic might point out that the switchboard, for example, in use at Glasgow University is not necessarily installed at all medical schools, but the fundamentals of the apparatus are clearly set out and points usually puzzling to the students are clearly explained.

The illustrations are few, but well chosen. Descriptions of method only are given, the student being left to enter his own conclusions, the book being interleaved with plain paper for the purpose, and for the entering of records, so that on completion of his course he may have a reference work of personal observations.

The book should lessen the work of teachers where this course is adapted, as practically no further explanations should be necessary. It is attractively bound in paper boards strong enough to withstand the abuse that such a volume will necessarily receive in a junior laboratory.

**SICK CHILDREN.** By Donald Patterson, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond. Second Edition. London: Cassell & Co., Ltd. pp. 600; figs. 73, plates 15. Price 12s. 6d. net.

This book, written to satisfy the demands of the student and the general practitioner, has been revised and brought up to date. Diagnosis and treatment occupy a foremost place in it.